

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic

Meeting of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Litter (ICG-ML)

Berlin, Germany – Wednesday 13 June – Thursday 14 June 2018

Draft Agenda for ICG-Marine Litter

Start of plenary meeting:	09:30 on Wednesday, 13 June 2018
Expected close of meeting:	17:00 on Thursday, 14 June 2018
Document deadline:	Tuesday 29 May 2018
Venue:	Berlin, Germany

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda

- 1.1 Opening, participation, domestic arrangements
- 1.2 Adoption of the draft agenda and provisional timetable
- 1.3 Feedback from other relevant OSPAR and EU meetings

Agenda Item 2 – Progress on ICG-ML Task Lists

- 2.1 Draft action task lists from the last two ICG-ML meetings in Calvi, Corsica, France (May 2017), Brussels, Belgium (November 2017) have been reviewed and are now presented as two lists, one on tasks completed and one on outstanding tasks. Contracting Parties are invited to provide any corrections or updates

Agenda Item 3 – International Considerations

- 3.1 The release of the EU Plastics Strategy and how it relates to OSPAR ML RAP actions, discussion on how to best interlink their implementation
- 3.2 Collaboration with the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP)
- 3.3 OSPAR's attendance at the Sixth International Marine Debris Conference
- 3.4 United Nations Processes

Agenda Item 4 – Strategic issues for the implementation of the OSPAR ML RAP

- 4.1 Communication of progress under the OSPAR ML RAP
- 4.2 Update of the communication strategy
- 4.3 Discussion on how best to use the information provided through national action reporting

- 4.4 Timeline for progress and prioritisation of actions
- 4.5 Need for additional expertise to further develop the sewage and storm water action (**Action 42**)
- 4.6 Discussion regarding the setting of targets for all actions of the OSPAR ML RAP (as outlined under **Action 29**)

Agenda Item 5 – Updates from Projects

- 5.1 The Clean Atlantic Project - progress in relation to OSPAR ML RAP actions
- 5.2 The OceanWise Project - progress in relation to OSPAR ML RAP actions
- 5.3 Any other projects with relevance to implementation of specific RAP actions

Agenda item 6 - Development of Specific Actions

- 6.1 Progress made under **Action 30** and **Action 31** on regional coordination of the review of the Ports Reception Facilities Directive (EU Directive 2000/59/EC)
- 6.2 Identify and discuss the various beach cleaning activities currently taking place within the OSPAR Maritime Area (in line with **Action 54** - developing best practice for litter cleaning)
- 6.3 Discuss EIHA's adoption of the background document on plastic pellet reduction (**Action 52**) and the planned stakeholder dialogue and drafting of measures for EIHA 2019
- 6.4 Discuss the development of the background document on single use items (**Action 43**) and the planned drafting of measures for EIHA 2019
- 6.5 Discuss the EIHA's adoption of the background document on Education for fishermen (**Action 58**) and the planned drafting of measures for EIHA 2019
- 6.6 Progress on other specific actions including:
 - Fines/sanctions & enforcement (**Actions 32, 33 and 38**)
 - Waste management (**Actions 39, 40**)
 - Single use plastic bags (**Action 44**)

Agenda item 7 - Progress on the Fisheries related Actions of the RAP

- 7.1 Update following an initial WebEx between action leads to discuss the progression of all of the OSPAR ML RAP fisheries related actions
- 7.2 Discussion on fisheries related actions, including timelines for drafting measures, potential opportunities for project funding applications, and the need for an additional meeting to continue these discussions with other interested parties (e.g. other regional sea conventions)

Agenda Item 8 – Implementation Plan

- 8.1 Review of the OSPAR ML RAP Implementation Plan and Action Development Sheets for remaining actions - with specific discussion around the following questions: *What has been realised? What is the next step planned? What are the challenges and how could ICG-ML help with these?*
- 8.2 Consideration of those actions which currently have no lead (Actions 45, 50, 51 and 57) and identification of new leads

Agenda Item 9 – Any other Business

- 9.1 Update to ICG-ML regarding the plans in place for the Project Coordinator role
- 9.2 Date and location of next meeting

Agenda Item 10 – Summary Record

- 10.1 Arrangements for the summary record